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Programme of meetings and agenda

Scheduled official meetings

Tuesday, 24 September 2002

Security Council

3.30 p.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultation Room

Somalia

Liberia

Sierra Leone (S/2002/987)[1]

Other matters

[1] With a view to a formal meeting.

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

4 p.m. . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Briefing by the Chairman of the Committee to interested Member States of the United Nations

Announcement

A public meeting of the Security Council will be held on Monday, 30 September 2002, at 10 a.m., in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Small arms". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat in room S-3520 or telephone 1 (212) 963-5263, as from 25 September 2002.

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General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Committees

Second Committee

3 –6 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Election of three Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteur
2. Organization of work (A/56/250, A/C.2/57/1, A/C.2/57/L.1 and A/C.2/57/L.1/Add.1)

Sixth Committee

Working Group on an International Convention against the Reproductive Cloning of Human Beings

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 2nd meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 1

3 –6 p.m. . . . . 3rd meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 1

Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly for the Final Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s

Substantive session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

3–6 p.m. . . . . 2nd meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

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Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. World Food Programme
2. Briefing on contractual matters
3. Capital Master Plan

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

United Nations International Conference of Civil Society in Support of the Palestinian People

10 a.m. –1 p.m. . . . . 3rd plenary meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

3 –5.30 p.m. . . . . 4th plenary meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

5.30 –6 p.m. . . . . Closing session . . . . . Conference Room 4

Economic and Social Council

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Second regular session for 2002

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 32nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

3–6 p.m. . . . . 33rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

1. UNFPA: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters (DP/FPA/2002/9, DP/FPA/2002/10 and DP/FPA/2002/12) . . . . . [9]

2. UNFPA: Human resources strategy (DP/FPA/2002/11) . . . . . [10]

3. UNOPS: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters (DP/2002/33, DP/2002/34, DP/2002/35, DP/2002/35/Add.1, DP/2002/35/Add.2, and DP/2002/36) . . . . . [7]

[There will be a meeting of the donors group *today*, 24 September, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room D.]

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 24 September 2002

Islamic Group *(on Sixth Committee matters) (at the expert level)*

9.15 a.m.–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

International Labour Organization Briefing on "Combating the Employment Crisis"

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Conference Room A

Presentation by Mr. Eddy Lee, ILO Senior Economic Advisor [Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Caroline Lewis, New York ILO Liaison Office (tel. 1 (212) 697-0150, ext. 102).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Tuesday, 24 September 2002

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Daily press briefing by the Spokesman of the Secretary-General

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Committees

First Committee

The First Committee will convene an informal consultation meeting on Wednesday, 25 September 2002, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to informally consider its tentative programme of work and timetable (A/C.1/57/CRP.1).

The First Committee will also hold its first organizational meeting on Friday, 27 September, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its tentative programme of work and timetable.

The First Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and related international security agenda item from Monday, 30 September to Friday, 11 October 2002. The list of speakers for the general debate is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to kindly contact the secretariat of the First Committee (Mr. Eduard Fesko (tel. 1 (212) 963-7169; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

Delegations are reminded that names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Mohammad K. Sattar, Secretary of the First Committee (room S-2977H; fax: 1 (212) 963-5305).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 1st meeting on Thursday, 26 September 2002, 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The agenda will be: (a) Election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur; and (b) Organization of work (A/C.4/57/1[1] and A/C.4/57/L.1[1]).

The Committee will begin its substantive work on Monday, 30 September, at 3 p.m. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items, which will begin on Monday, 30 September (see document A/C.4/57/L.1[1]), are kindly requested to notify Ms. Catherina Dakay (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-9223).

Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are to be submitted to Ms. Lesley M. Wilkinson, Secretary of the Committee (room S-2977K; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Second Committee

The Second Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 30 September 2002, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The Under-Secretary-General, Mr. Nitin Desai, Department for Economic and Social Affairs will make a statement. The list of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee, is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (212) 963-2183; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

[1] To be issued.

Briefing

There will be a keynote address by Professor Joseph Stiglitz, Economics and Finance, Columbia University, on "Sustainable Development: Lessons learned from the past year" on Wednesday, 2 October 2002, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Marco Antonio Suazo (Honduras), Chairman of the Second Committee. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Third Committee

The Third Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 26 September 2002, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.3/57/L.1[1]. The Committee will also begin consideration of the items entiled "Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice" and "International Drug Control" on Monday, 30 September, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the Acting Secretary of the Committee (Mr. Alexandre De Barros or Mrs. Lydia Bawar, (tel. 1 (212) 963-2320 and 963-5973; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations are also requested to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to Mr. Alexandre De Barros, Acting Secretary of the Committee (room S-2950G; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 1st meeting on Wednesday, 25 September 2002, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider the following issues: (a) Election of Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur; (b) Organization of work (A/C.5/57/1[1], A/C.5/57/L.1[1] and A/C.5/57/L.2[1]); and (c) Letter dated 27 June 2002 from the Acting President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/56/46).

[1] To be issued.

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

The Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will hold its 11th meeting on Thursday, 26 September 2002, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The agenda will be as follows:

1. Consideration of the draft Report of the United Nations Mission to Tokelau, 2002 (A/AC.109/2002/CRP.2)[1]
2. Other matters

[1] To be issued.

Other forthcoming meetings

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UNITAR Briefing on Developments in Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) of the Office of Legal Affairs are jointly organizing a briefing on developments in ocean affairs and the law of the sea 20 years after the conclusion of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. This briefing, to be conducted in English, will be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on Wednesday and Thursday, 25 and 26 September 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196 or 963-9684).

Western European and Other States Group

There will be a closed meeting of the Western European and Other States Group on Wednesday, 25 September 2002, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Briefing on reports submitted to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly under agenda items 104 and 105

There will be a briefing on reports submitted to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly under agenda items 104 (Advancement of women) and 105 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"). The briefing, organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Thursday, 26 September 2002, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Meeting of the Group of Interested States in Practical Disarmament Measures *(at the level of Deputy Permanent Representatives)*

A meeting of the Group of Interested States for Practical Disarmament Measures *(at the level of Deputy Permanent Representatives)* will be held on Thursday, 26 September 2002, at 3 p.m. at the German House (871 United Nations Plaza, 22nd floor).

The meeting will be chaired by the Acting Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations, H.E. Dr. Hanns Schumacher, and will be addressed by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala. Deputy Permanent Representatives of interested Member States and their Disarmament experts are invited to participate.

Briefing following the annual meeting of the IMF and the World Bank

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing by Mr. Eduardo Doryan, Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations, and Mr. Reinhard Munzberg, Special Representative of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to the United Nations, on the results of the meetings of the International Monetary, the Financial Committee and the Development Committee, which will be held in Washington on Saturday, 28 September 2002. The communiqués of the two Committees will be available at the briefing. After an introductory presentation, Mr. Doryan and Mr. Munzberg will be available to respond to questions. This briefing, to be conducted in English, will be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on Tuesday, 1 October 2002, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Friday, 27 September. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicolè Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

UNITAR Workshop Series entitled "Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology"

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) has organized the new Series entitled "Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology", under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics. This programme is being implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation, Inc. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, which is currently being repeated four times a year. The first four modules of each cycle focus on (a) Introduction to Computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet Search Basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page Design Basics and Usability Techniques; and is geared towards all diplomats. The fifth module, which is conducted as an interactive seminar, covers "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology" and is aimed essentially at ambassadors and senior diplomats and open to members of the United Nations staff as well as non-governmental organizations.

The fourth and last cycle of the 2002 Series, to be conducted in English, will be held on every alternate Friday *from 4 October to 15 November 2002.* For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements

Security Council **Daily informal briefings**

As from Tuesday, 3 September 2002, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-seventh session

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A.)

Summary of meetings

Friday, 20 September 2002

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

19th plenary meeting

Conclusion of the general debate . . . . . [9]

H.E. The Honourable Sandra Pierantozzi, Vice-President and Minister of Health of the Republic of Palau, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Honourable Louis Straker, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Trade, Commerce and Consumer Affairs of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; H.E. Mr. Ilir Meta, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Albania; H.E. The Honourable Elvin Nimrod, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Grenada; H.E. Mr. Ioannis Kasoulides, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cyprus; H.E. Ms. Filomena Mascarenhas Tipote, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Guinea-Bissau; H.E. Mr. Monie Captan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Liberia; H.E. Mr. Yusuf Hassan Ibrahim, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Somalia; H.E. Mr. Jan Kohout, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic; H.E. Mrs. Irma Loemban Tobing-Klein, Chairperson of the Delegation of Suriname; H.E. Mr. Alfred Capelle, Chairman of the Delegation of the Marshall Islands, and H.E. Mr. Martin Belinga-Eboutou, Chairman of the Delegation of Cameroon.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United Arab Emirates.

The President made a statement.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 9.

Organization of work of the fifty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items . . . . . [8]

(a) First report of the General Committee (A/57/250)

The General Assembly considered the first report of the General Committee circulated in document A/57/250.

Introduction (Section I)

Organization of the session (Section II)

Observations on the organization of the work of the General Assembly (Section III)

The General Assembly took note of the provisions and approved the recommendations contained in Sections I, II and III of the report of the General Committee.

Adoption of the agenda (Section IV)

The General Assembly took note of the provisions contained in paragraph 66 of the report of the General Committee (A/57/250).

In paragraph 71, the General Assembly was informed that the General Committee had decided to defer to a later date its consideration of the inclusion of item 52.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 72, that the consideration of item 85 be deferred to the fifty-eighth session and that the item be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 73 to include item 167.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 74 to include item 168.

In paragraph 75, the General Assembly was informed that the General Committee had decided not to recommend the inclusion of item 169.

The representative of the Gambia made a statement.

The President made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Tuvalu and Egypt.

Inclusion of items

The General Assembly then proceeded to consider the agenda recommended for adoption by the General Committee in paragraph 76 of its report (A/57/250).

Items 1 to 3

The General Assembly took note of the fact that items 1 to 3 had already been acted upon in plenary meeting and their inclusion approved.

Items 4 to 8

The General Assembly approved the inclusion in the agenda of items 4 to 8.

Item 9

The General Assembly took note of the fact that item 9 had already been acted upon in plenary meeting and its inclusion approved.

Items 10 to 166

The General Assembly approved the inclusion in the agenda of items 10 to 166.

Allocation of items (Section V)

The General Assembly took note of the provisions contained in paragraphs 77 to 80 of the report of the General Committee (A/57/250).

The President recalled that the item numbers mentioned in subsequent paragraphs referred to the agenda which appeared in paragraph 76 of the report of the General Committee.

In regard to item 10, the General Assembly took note of paragraph 83 (a).

In regard to item 12, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 83 (b).

In regard to item 19, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 83 (c).

In regard to item 22 (h), the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 83 (d).

In regard to item 23, the General Assembly took note of paragraph 83 (e).

In regard to item 25, the General Assembly took note of paragraph 83 (f).

In regard to item 39, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 83 (g).

In regard to item 41, the General Assembly took note of paragraph 83 (h).

In regard to item 43, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 83 (i).

In regard to item 54, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 83 (j).

In regard to item 66, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 84.

In regard to item 98, the General Assembly took note of paragraph 85 (a).

In regard to item 102, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 85 (b).

In regard to item 165, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 86 (a).

In regard to item 169, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 86 (b).

Taking into account the decisions just adopted, the General Assembly approved the allocation of the items listed in paragraph 87 for consideration directly in the plenary meeting.

Taking into account the decisions just adopted, the General Assembly approved the allocation of items proposed in paragraph 87 for the First Committee, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), the Second, Third, Fifth and Sixth Committees.

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional sub-item: note by the Secretary-General (A/57/231)

The General Assembly decided to waive the provision of rule 40 of its rules of procedure.

The Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, decided to include in the agenda of the fifty-seventh session an additional sub-item entitled "Appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee" under agenda item 17

(Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments) and to allocate the sub-item to the Fifth Committee.

Monday, 23 September 2002

Security Council

4614th meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question

Letter dated 20 September 2002 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2002/1055)

Note verbale dated 20 September 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2002/1056)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mauritania, Morocco, Nepal, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, the Sudan, Turkey and Tunisia, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to a letter dated 23 September 2002 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations (S/2002/1059), requesting an invitation to participate in the meeting in accordance with the Council's previous practice. In accordance with the rules of procedure and the previous practice in this regard, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the Permanent Observer of Palestine to participate in the discussion.

In response to the request contained in a letter dated 23 September 2002 from the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations (S/2002/1060), the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Yahya Mahmassani, Permanent Observer of the League of the Arab States to the United Nations.

In response to the request contained in a letter dated 23 September 2002 from the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Papa Louis Fall, Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

In response to the request contained in a letter dated 23 September 2002 from the Chairman of the African Group to the United Nations, the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Amadou Kebe, Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Norway, France, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Cameroon, Colombia, Mexico, Mauritius, Guinea, the Syrian

Arab Republic, China, the Russian Federation and Singapore, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as representative of Bulgaria.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

The representative of Israel made a statement.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Egypt, Bangladesh, South Africa, Jordan and Turkey.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon the resumption of the meeting, the representative of Bahrain made a statement.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier at the meeting, the Council heard a statement under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Yahya Mahmassani.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Cuba, Malaysia, Denmark (speaking on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union – Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, and the EFTA countries belonging to the European Economic Area, Iceland and Liechtenstein, which aligned themselves with the statement), Tunisia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Pakistan, the Sudan, India and Saudi Arabia.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption of the meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Qatar, Indonesia, Cyprus and Nepal.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier at the meeting, the Council heard a statement under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Papa Louis Fall.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Iraq and Morocco.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier at the meeting, the Council heard a statement under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Amadou Kebe.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Mauritania.

The meeting was suspended.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2002/1063, which had been submitted by Bulgaria, France, Ireland, Norway and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland..

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/2002/1063).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2002/1063) received 14 votes in favour, none against, and one abstention (United States of America), and was adopted as resolution 1435 (2002).

The representative of the United States made a statement.

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Committees

Sixth committee

1st meeting — The Chairman made a statement.

Election of the Bureau

The Committee elected Mr. Shuichi Akamatsu (Japan), Mr. Augusto Cabrera (Peru) and Mr. Valentin Zellweger (Switzerland) as Vice-Chairmen and Mr. Karim Medrek (Morocco) as Rapporteur.

Organisation of work

The Committee adopted its programme of work as contained in document A/C.6/57/L.1.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 56/93, the Committee established a working group to continue the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on an International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings. The Committee elected H.E. Mr. Peter Tomka (Slovakia) as Chairman of the Working Group.

Convention on the Rights of the Child

Committee on the Rights of the Child
Thirty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Friday, 20 September 2002

813th–814th meetings — *Day of general discussion* . . . . . [6]

The Committee held the day of general discussion on the question of "The private sector as service provider and its role in implementing the rights of the child".

Monday, 23 September 2002

815th–816th meetings — *Consideration of reports of States parties* . . . . . [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the initial report of the Seychelles (CRC/C/3/Add.64). In accordance with the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Coffee Agreement 2001. London, 28 September 2000

Accession: Austria (23 September 2002) [1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

Women's International Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Wednesday, 25 September 2002, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. A presentation will be made by Mr. Stephen Lewis, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for HIV/AIDS in Africa, on "Where AIDS is Concerned, Gender Inequality is Lethal". Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of September 2002 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Côte d'Ivoire
H.E. Mr. Djessan Philippe Djangone-Bi

Asian States:
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
H.E. Mr. M. Javad Zarif

Eastern European States:
Ukraine
H.E. Mr. Valery P. Kuchinsky

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Suriname
H.E. Mrs. Irma E. Loemban Tobing-Klein

Western European and other States:
Portugal
H.E. Mr. Gonçalo de Santa Clara Gomes

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